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NEWSNOTES



Lisa Evans

Ultimate makeover

The symbol of Fort Dix glitters after a makeover this week orchestrated by one of the original artists, Steve Goodman. The original statue, created in 1958, initially stood in Missile Park, near what is now the DoD Police Station. For more photos and the story behind the famous statue, see page 12.

Fort Dix opens doors to retirees Sept. 20

The Annual Fort Dix Retiree Appreciation Day (RAD) is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 20. The 2008 RAD will be held in the Timmermann Conference Center, located on Eighth Street at Pennsylvania Avenue, Fort Dix, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., and all military retirees from all services are invited to attend this information filled morning. The RAD luncheon will be held at Club Dix, on Alabama Avenue at 6th Street. The entrée choices are Salmon Fillet, Roast Top Round of Beef and Roast Turkey. The cost per entrée is \$25. If you would like to attend the luncheon, send a check or money order, made payable to the Fort Dix Retiree Council, to SGM(Ret) Norman Pallotto, 15 East Central Ave, Moorestown, NJ 08057. Payment must be received by Aug. 30.

Pemberton Gate closed for construction work

The Pemberton Gate will be closed for construction of an overhead canopy from noon July 21 through Aug. 14. The Special Events Gate will be open to handle traffic in the area from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily.

WEATHER

FRIDAY -- Mostly sunny with a high near 88 degrees, breezy into evening with overnight low of 65.

SATURDAY -- Sunny and humid, with a high of 88 degrees and overnight low of 66.

SUNDAY -- Mostly sunny, humid, high near 90. Partly cloudy into evening, with overnight low of 68 degrees.

MONDAY -- Mostly sunny, hot and humid with a high of 88 degrees. Partly cloudy afternoon into evening, with a low of 68.

TUESDAY -- Continued sunny and hot, humid with high of 90 and overnight low of 68 degrees.

Afghanistan plus-up considered

Jim Garamone
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON, July 29, 2008 -- Defense Department planners continue to look for capabilities to send to Afghanistan, a senior Pentagon spokesman said today. Pentagon Press Secretary Geoff Morrell also said that, while DoD officials are encouraged by conversations with Pakistani Prime Minister Syed Yousuf Raza Gilani, "actions speak louder than words."

Efforts to identify additional assets for Afghanistan continue, Morrell said. "Progress is being made toward that end, but I don't have anything definitive to stand here before you today and relay," he said.

He did say that for the time being, U.S. Central Command's strategic reserve -- 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit -- will not deploy to Afghanistan. The 2,200 Marines of the unit now are training in Kuwait.

Military commanders said that as much as troops are needed in Afghanistan, the strategic reserve is an

insurance policy in a dangerous part of the world. Morrell wouldn't discuss possible scenarios.

"If we were to commit these resources to Afghanistan now, we would be hamstrung in responding to future threats," he said.

"The situation is not so desperately urgent at this point that it requires us rushing the strategic reserve for Central Command into Afghanistan at this very moment," he said. "It is an ongoing problem that needs to be addressed."

Gilani met with Defense Secretary

Robert M. Gates at the Pentagon today. Gates also attended the lunch President Bush had with Gilani yesterday.

The Pakistani government has been in office only since March and is working through growing pains, dealing with economic and political woes while trying to deal with extremists in its federally administered tribal areas and the North West Frontier province. U.S., NATO and Afghan officials have asked Pakistan to maintain pressure on Taliban and foreign fighters now using

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Soldiers, families benefit from new GI Bill

Staff Sgt. Michael J. Carden
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON, July 28, 2008 -- The latest GI Bill considerably improves the opportunity for today's servicemembers to obtain their education, a senior Defense Department official said.

President Bush signed the Post-9/11 Veterans Education Assistance Act of 2008 on June 30. The new law mirrors the tenets of the original GI Bill, which gave returning World War II veterans the opportunity to go to any school they wanted while receiving a living stipend, Bob Clark, the Pentagon's assistant director of accessions policy, said.

"The original GI Bill was said to be one of the most significant social impacts of the 20th century," Clark said. "We believe the new bill is going to have a similar impact."

The new GI Bill is applies to individuals who served on active duty on or after Sept. 11, 2001, and offers education benefits worth an average of \$80,000 -- double the value of those in the previous program. It covers the full costs of tuition and books,

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Saxton honored by Army Reserve

Kathie Scarrah
U.S. Army Reserve

Washington, D.C. (July 16, 2008) -- Lt. Gen. Jack C. Stultz, Chief, Army Reserve, and Commanding General, U.S. Army Reserve Command, today presented the 2008 Brig. Gen. Theodore Roosevelt, Jr. Distinguished Legislator Award to U.S. Congressman Jim Saxton, (R-NJ 3rd).

"It is with deep gratitude that the U.S. Army Reserve today recognizes the extraordinary support Congressman Saxton has provided the Army Reserve throughout his twenty-four year Congressional career," Lt. Gen. Stultz said. "As ranking Member of the House Armed Services Air and Land Forces Subcommittees, Congressman Saxton has distinguished himself with a deep commitment to the Nation's Warrior Citizens, including more than 2000 Soldiers and more than fifty Army Reserve units that live, work and drill in his district. As Commander of the 205,000 Army Reserve Warrior Citizens who serve our Nation at home and in 18 countries around the world, we appreciate his enduring support."

"I'm honored to receive this award today alongside such a revered veteran and an esteemed Member of Congress as Sen. Inouye," said Saxton, who represents an Army post that has mobilized more Reservists since 9/11 than any installation the nation. "I have strived to aid the Army Reserve mission, not just because Fort Dix is a Reserve mobilization post, but

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Inside look



Wayne Cook

LEAP OF FAITH -- Firefighters Howard McGoldrick, Dave Neil and Frank Malanga participate in rescue boat training on Lake of the Woods July 23. In the picture Malanga enters the water to assist the victim, Firefighter Jim McDonough, who is simulating a swimmer who has experienced a diabetic shock. Additional photo, article, page 3.



Ryan Morton

HANDLE WITH CARE -- Kent Brown, hazardous waste technician, moves barrels of waste from post activities into the Hazardous Waste Storage Facility on Range Road pending safe disposal July 28. For more information on the facility, see page 6.



Staff Sgt. Shawn Morris, 50th IBCT Public Affairs Staff

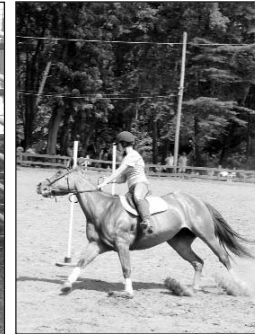
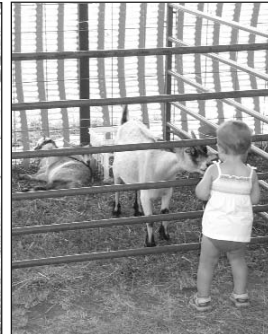
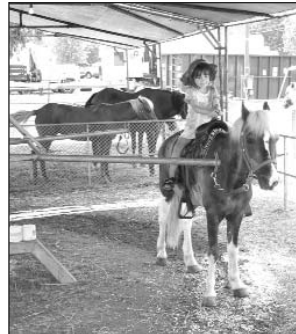
TECHNICOLOR TRAINING -- Soldiers from the New Jersey Army National Guard's Delta Company, 114th Infantry Battalion, 50th Infantry Brigade Combat Team (IBCT), assault mock insurgents with paintball guns during Individual Movement Technique training July 18 at McGregor Base Camp, N.M. The 50th IBCT is undergoing mobilization training in preparation for deployment in support of the Global War on Terrorism. (When not deployed, Staff Sgt. Morris is a journalist with the Fort Dix Public Affairs Staff.)

Burlington County Farm Fair unites kids with critters

Burlington County is not only bewitchingly beautiful in the summer but capable of providing an idyllic setting for outdoor activities. The latest to grace our rustic environs was the 62nd annual Burlington County Farm Fair, which ran from July 23-27 at the Village Green Fairgrounds in Lumberton.

Fair-goers witnessed a crowning of a new fair queen, dairy goats dressed up for the occasion, pigs running wild races, children digging in at pie-eating contests, tractor pull contests, a women's skillet throw, a men's spike driving contest, milking contests, dog shows, calf-dressing contests, pony rides, etc.

Rife with Americana, the fair was still another personification of the joys of country life where where folks can socialize, show off their children and enjoy the animals.



ANIMALS EVERYWHERE — Chickens, roosters, cows, goats, horses and other animals were stars of the 62nd annual Burlington County Farm Fair which concluded last week at Lumberton. There were even pig races. Kids were thrilled. photos by Steve Snyder

Film survey separates dilettantes from connoisseurs



1. This distinguished British actor is shown as detective *Hercule Poirot* in 1978's "Death On The Nile." He's starred in "Quo Vadis" (1951) and "Spartacus" (1960). WHO IS HE?

2. Sean Connery and Michael Caine (l-r) starred in the rousing high adventure "The Man Who Would Be King" in 1974. The movie was based on a short story by WHAT AUTHOR?

3. Angie Dickinson and Ronald Reagan remove stolen money in the crime drama that was Reagan's last film in 1964 and also one of his best. NAME THE FILM.

4. John Huston directed 1956's stunning version of "Moby Dick" about the mad Captain Ahab's pursuit of the great white whale. WHAT LEADING MAN played Captain Ahab?



5. Cary Grant plays a Madison Avenue flack mistaken for a spy who gets romantically involved with Eva Marie Saint and whose nemesis is James Mason in Alfred Hitchcock's masterpiece "North by Northwest" (1959). What is the NAME OF GRANT'S CHARACTER in the movie?



6. Vixenish Southern belle Scarlett O'Hara, left, played by Vivian Leigh, who won an Oscar for her performance, is groomed by her maid servant in 1939's lavish Civil War opera "Gone With the Wind." The lady playing the maid won an Oscar too, the first won by a black person in motion pictures. WHO WAS SHE?



7. Mel Gibson's crime thriller "Payback" in 1999 was a remake of this violent revenge saga made in 1967 starring Lee Marvin, above, as a robber looking for the partner who stole his money while his wife shot him. Gibson may have made the better film but no one could touch Marvin's performance as Walker. NAME THE FILM in which he starred.



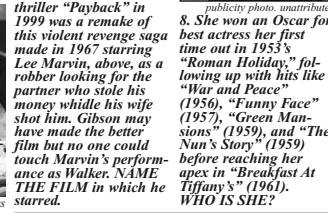
8. She won an Oscar for best actress her first time out in 1953's "Roman Holiday," following up with his like "War and Peace" (1956), "Funny Face" (1957), "Green Mansions" (1959), and "The Nun's Story" (1959) before reaching her apex in "Breakfast At Tiffany's" (1961). WHO IS SHE?



9. Mob boss Hyman Roth, left, makes a pitch to fellow gang overlord Michael Corleone (Al Pacino) in "The Godfather II" (1974), telling his young rival, "We're bigger than U.S. Steel." It was the first time on screen for the man who played Roth. WHO WAS HE?



10. Tallulah Bankhead, standing center, and John Hodiak, crouching in left corner, were among the impressive cast exploited by Alfred Hitchcock to tell his stark and gripping tale of survival at sea in 1944's "Lifeboat." The gentleman standing at left played a Nazi U-boat commander picked up by people whose boat he sunk. NAME THE NAZI.



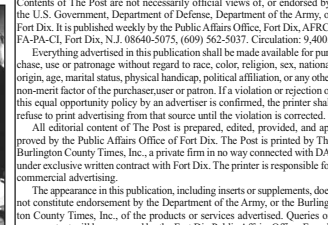
11. Humphrey Bogart and Katharine Hepburn battled the elements, themselves and the Germans when they took "The African Queen" (1951) downriver during World War I, bucking tremendous odds. WHO DIRECTED this cinematic gem?



12. Flanked by Everett Sloan, holding trophy, and Joseph Cotton, looking over his shoulder, Orson Wells' "Citizen Kane" (1941) wowed critics and the public alike. What were KANE'S LAST WORD(S) in the movie?

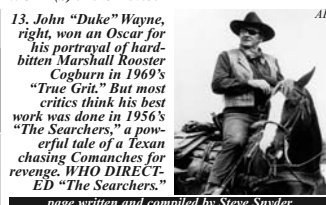


13. John "Duke" Wayne, right, won an Oscar for his portrayal of hard-bitten Marshall Rooster Cogburn in 1969's "True Grit." But most critics think his best work was done in 1956's "The Searchers," a powerful tale of a Texan chasing Comanches for revenge. WHO DIRECTED "The Searchers."



And the answer is...

1. Peter Ustinov
2. Rudyard Kipling
3. "The Killers"
4. Gregory Peck
5. Roger Thornhill
6. Hattie McDaniel
7. "Point Blank"
8. Audrey Hepburn
9. Lee Strasberg, award winning director, producer & acting teacher
10. Walter Slezak
11. John Huston
12. "Rosebud," after his childhood sled
13. John Ford



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Wayne Cook

DROWNING DRILL -- Fort Dix firefighters Howard McGoldrick, Dave Neil and Jim McDonough conduct boat rescue training on Lake of the Woods July 23. McDonough, in the water, helps hoist the "victim," Firefighter Frank Malanga, into the boat specially designed to provide a stable rescue platform.

Dix Firefighters launch training in water rescue, maneuver ops

Wayne Cook
Public Affairs Staff

A rescue boat loaded with firefighters sped across Lake of the Woods pulling victims from the dark waters during training exercises July 23.

Using a rescue one connector boat, Fort Dix Fire Marine 68, firefighters practiced water rescue techniques and boat maneuvering operations.

"We are one of only four fire departments in Burlington County with this type of rescue boat," said Fire Captain Bruce Flint.

The rescue one connector boat is so named that because its gunwales are straight with

ridges, instead of having a curved bow, so they can marry-up and connect with other rescue one connector boats to provide a much larger rescue platform.

"These boats are outfitted with some of the best water search and rescue equipment for drowning retrievals and boat and automobile accidents," said Fire Captain Lenny Dotson.

The equipment includes fire and marine radios, a depth finder, a fish finder for locating objects in the water, a dragline, an underwater camera, and dry-suits for protection from exposure to the environment.

The boat has a front-mounted dive platform for use when

extricating victims from the water.

Firefighters alternated between being the victim and the rescuers and maneuvered the craft into position to execute a rescue.

With one firefighter at the controls, another donned the dry-suit and safety gear (helmet, gloves, life vest, and goggles) and prepared to enter the water.

The third firefighter stayed in the boat and assisted his teammate in the water with rescuing the victim and pulling him or her from the water.

If needed, he could toss a life preserver, attached to a rescue line, to the victim or the rescuer or use a gaff (a long

pole with a hook at the end of it) to snag the victim and draw him or her to the boat.

Once the victim was positioned at the front of the boat, the dive platform, which is submerged, was used to climb up onto and hoist the victim into the vessel.

The firefighters simulated conscious and unconscious victim scenarios to replicate the real-life experience of performing a water rescue.

If there is ever an accident on one of the post's bodies of water, Soldiers and the public can rest assured that the firefighters of the Fort Dix Fire Department stand fully trained and prepared to provide a full range of rescue support.

Troop plus-up considered

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areas in the country as safe havens.

"We are very encouraging of the Pakistani government to do as much as they possibly can to diminish the threat posed by ... terrorists, who are operating rather freely," Morrell said.

Commanders in Afghanistan have criticized Pakistan's policy of negotiating with tribal leaders in the tribal areas. Morrell said the Pak-

istani approach is not strictly one of negotiation.

"If you look at the situation of the past several weeks ... indeed, months -- there has been an uptick in Pakistani military operations within the border area," Morrell said.

"Is it enough? Is it enough to stem the flow of foreign fighters that continue to traverse the border into Afghanistan? Obviously not, and therefore we have called on them to do even more.

"They seem to believe that negotiation with tribal leaders, in the [Federally Administered Tribal Areas] and elsewhere, is worthwhile," he continued.

"We have said from this podium and elsewhere that that is an option that is worth pursuing, provided that these deals are enforceable and that there is a constant military presence within the FATA going after terrorists, so that no safe havens can develop there."

The words from Pakistani

officials have been encouraging, he added, "but the deeds are what ultimately we will measure."

The mere presence of Pakistani troops near the border helps to stem the flow of Taliban and foreign fighters across the border into Afghanistan, Morrell said.

"That is helpful," he added, "but obviously we would like for the Pakistanis to be as aggressive as they can be."



U.S. Army Photo

ON THE LOOKOUT -- Soldiers assigned to a survey team from Task Force Castle survey a proposed site for a new observation post in Afghanistan, July 11.

POLICE LOG

Police Log is a weekly synopsis of significant police activities developed from reports, complaints, incidents or information received and actions taken, for the week of July 21 through 27.

The abbreviation DoD stands for Department of Defense; NAFD means Not Affiliated with Fort Dix (the subject doesn't live or work here); NCIC stands for National Crime Information Center; DWI means Driving While Intoxicated; CDS means Controlled Drug Substance; POV means Privately Owned Vehicle; MAFB stands for McGuire Air Force Base; USAF-EC stands for US Air Force Expeditionary Center; AHCC stands for Ambulatory Health Care Clinic (MAFB); VMHBC stands for Virtua Memorial Hospital of Burlington County; CP# stands for Checkpoint Number.

●Police responded to a motor vehicle crash at the Shopette. Investigation revealed a vehicle, operated by a Soldier assigned to Fort Dix, struck another vehicle while backing from a parking space. There were no reported injuries and the vehicles were released to the operators at the scene.

●While processing a vehicle pass at the Visitor Center, police discovered the vehicle, operated by a civilian NAFD, had expired registration. The subject was cited and the vehicle towed from the scene.

●Police and Fire Department personnel responded to a report of an odor of burning electronics at the Golf Pro Shop. Investigation revealed faulty light ballast was causing the odor.

●Police responded to a traffic accident at Range 59. Investigation revealed a government vehicle, operated by a Soldier assigned to Fort Dix, struck a tree. There were no reported injuries and the vehicle was released to the operator at the scene.

●Police and emergency medical personnel responded to a traffic accident near Bldg. 5455. Investigation revealed two vehicles, a government vehicle operated by a Fort Dix civilian employee and a second vehicle operated by a civilian NAFD, collided in the Club Dix parking lot. A passenger in the second vehicle was treated at the scene by 305th medical personnel and transported to VMHBC for further treatment. The operator of the first vehicle was cited for wrong way on a one way, and the operator of the second vehicle was cited for careless driving. The first vehicle was released to the operator at the scene. The second vehicle sustained disabling damage and was towed from the scene.

●Police responded to a motor vehicle crash on Texas Avenue. Investigation revealed an unknown vehicle had lost control after striking a water puddle, left the roadway, and struck a utility pole. The vehicle departed the scene prior to arrival of police. The pole sustained only minor damage.

●Police and Fire Department personnel responded to a fire alarm at Bldg. 5522. Investigation revealed all was in order.

●Police responded to a traffic accident near Bldg. 5506. Investigation revealed a vehicle, operated by a Soldier assigned to Fort Dix, struck a parked and unoccupied vehicle while backing from a parking space. There were no reported injuries and the vehicles were released to the operators at the scene.

●Police responded to a motor vehicle crash at Range #1. Investigation revealed a vehicle, operated by a contractor, had been struck an unknown vehicle while parked and unattended. There were no reported injuries and the vehicle was released to the operator at the scene.

●During a routine traffic stop on New Jersey Avenue police discovered the vehicle operator, an Airman assigned to McGuire AFB, had an expired driver's license. The subject was cited and the vehicle released to a licensed driver.

●Police responded to a traffic accident on 13th Street. Investigation revealed a vehicle, operated by a Fort Dix contract employee, struck a utility pole while backing. There were no reported injuries and the vehicle was released to the operator at the scene.

●There were four expired identification cards confiscated during the period.

●There were 21 Magistrate Court Citations issued for moving violations. DWI incidents remain at seven.

Fort Dix STAR Program Suspected Terrorist Activity Reporting

Countering terrorism requires the help of everyone in the community. Only you know who or what belongs -- or doesn't belong in your building, neighborhood, or work area. The simple act of recognizing suspicious behavior and reporting it to the authorities could prevent terrorist acts and save lives. Become a STAR -- please help Fort Dix by being alert and reporting any of the following:

Surveillance: Someone recording or monitoring activities using cameras, note taking, drawing diagrams, creating maps, using binoculars or other vision-enhancing devices. An element of this activity could also include mapping out routes and determining the timing of traffic lights and flow.

Security: Any attempt to measure reaction times and action by security forces. A test of security can be disguised as a simple mistake such as a vehicle approaching a security barrier and then turning around or an attempt to circumvent access control procedures to assess strengths and weaknesses of the security forces and equipment.

Acquiring Supplies: Purchasing or stealing police and military uniforms, emergency responder type vehicles (such as police cars and ambulances), installation access passes and other government identification or the equipment to manufacture them.

Dry Run or Practice: People or vehicles appear to have been purposely placed in a particular position or area. This is especially true when planning a kidnapping, but also pertains to bombings.

Actual Deployment of People and Assets: People and supplies getting into position to conduct an attack. This is the last chance to alert authorities before an attack occurs.

Suspicious Persons Out of Place: People who don't seem to belong or fit in the surrounding environment, especially if involved in any of the above listed activities.

Report any of the above to:

Fort Dix Police (609)562-6001 / 6002

Fort Dix Antiterrorism Officer (609) 562-2153 / 2417

Brits jump off for tour in Afghanistan

Jennifer Chupko
Public Affairs Staff

The 4th Parachute Brigade (4th Para), the Parachute Regiment, which participated in Operation Black Warrior returning to England in preparation of their upcoming tour in Afghanistan. They have been training at Fort Dix for the past two weeks.

Operation Black Warrior prepared the British soldiers for their tour through both active training education. The first week of the 4th Para's training on post consisted of water safety, mine simulation and detection, and parachuting.

The second week of Operation Black Warrior focused on the urban terrain aspect of their training.

This included parachuting, ammunition training, urban assault, and casualty evacuation (Casevac) training.

"These soldiers are the best the British Royal Army has to offer," said Maj. Jonathon Moyer, Mobilization Readiness Battalion, and assistant officer in charge of the exer-

cise. Fort Dix provided high-tech simulations for combat scenarios including interaction with civilians in a mock Afghan village. Insurgents disguise themselves as civilians.

According to Pvt. John Armstrong, 4th Para, roughly 80 percent of the soldiers of 4th Para have never gone through any kind of training like this.

"All of this prepares us for fighting amongst civilians and learning that anyone is a potential hostile," Armstrong said.

One of the accomplishments of the paratroopers was their airborne operations. It gave all British soldiers, both experienced and novice jumpers, a chance to be awarded their American Jump Wings.

"The 27 soldiers who received their wings - it's a nice accomplishment. It is a great accomplishment for the unit as a whole. The exercise was geared towards the younger soldiers in the unit. The operation resulted in the unit attaining its goals with the highest level of success. We

look forward to sending our Soldiers to Great Britain for joint training as per the trade agreement," said Lt. Col. Cynthia Palinski, officer in charge, Mobilized Unit In-processing Center and officer in charge of Operation Black Warrior.

"The two weeks have been amazing, particularly the parachuting," said 2nd Lt. James Dieppe of the 4th Para. "We, as a team, are proficient in jumping and are working as a stronger unit. We all have our wings now."

One of the realistic simulations of the operation was the Casevac exercise.

"The Casevac training was very realistic, very useful. Something we need to know for Afghanistan," said Pvt. Stuart Boxall-Hunt, 4th Para.

"Completing their training as a unit and realizing they will fight and survive as a unit, depending on each other - that is something they will take with them," said Sgt. 1st Class Nicholas D'Alessandro, Mobilization Readiness Battalion, and non-commissioned officer in charge of Operation Black Warrior.



Jennifer Chupko

SAY CHEESE -- British soldiers of the 4th Parachute Brigade, the Parachute Regiment, and Soldiers from Fort Dix assigned to Operation Black Warrior, pose in front of a Black Hawk helicopter at Coyle Airfield July 26.



Jennifer Chupko

EARNING HIS WINGS -- Maj. Gen. David Morris, commanding general, United States Civil Affairs and Psychological Operations Command, pinned American Jump Wings on a British paratrooper with the 4th Parachute Brigade, the Parachute Regiment, during a ceremony at Coyle Airfield July 26.

Army Olympians prep for games

WASHINGTON, July 30, 2008 -- Nine U.S. Army Soldiers will take aim at Olympic gold in Beijing.

The Soldier-Olympians are wrapping up their training throughout the United States and will depart for China in August.

Among the elite athletes is three-time Olympian Staff Sgt. Libby Callahan, a 23-year Army Reserve Soldier, who at age 56 will earn the distinction of being the oldest U.S. woman Olympian ever to compete and stands a chance of becoming the oldest woman Olympic medalist ever at the Summer Games.

"It's an honor to represent the country I am proud to serve," said Callahan, who will compete in the women's sports pistol event. "The Army has not only provided me with the training and opportunities to succeed, it has given me the encouragement I need to go for the gold at the Olympics."

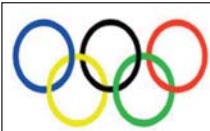
Staff Sgt. Dremiel Byers, a member of the U.S. Army World Class Athlete Program, is ranked No. 1 in the United States in his weight class for Greco-Roman wrestling and earned a spot on the 2008 Olympic Team by winning the trials held in Las Vegas in June. Byers said the Army provides the training and opportunities to succeed. "We're very fortunate to do what we do," he said. "I've been with the program since 1997, and now I get to represent my country in the Olympics. The Army allows you to dream big."

Marksman Maj. Michael

Anti will make his fourth Olympic appearance at the Beijing Games in the small-bore prone rifle competition. After earning a silver medal in the prone rifle event at the 2004 Games, Anti purchased a silver Corvette.

His goal is to upgrade to a new gold medal to match the medal he hopes to earn at the 2008 Games.

The Soldiers, including track and field athletes, world-class boxers, marksmen and



more, are the latest in a storied line of 644 Army athletes who have participated in the Games since 1948.

"We coach elite-level athletes who already have a high level of discipline from their Army experience," said Capt. Dominic Black, commander of the Army's World Class Athlete Program. "By providing these athletes with the best training, coaching, equipment and overall support, the Army is preparing them for victory at the Olympics and beyond."

Other Soldier-athletes representing the United States at the 2008 Summer Olympics are:

-- Sgt. 1st Class Jason Parker - air rifle and three-position rifle;

-- Sgt. 1st Class Daryl Szarenski - men's 50-meter free pis-

tol;

-- Pfc. Vincent Hancock -- skeet;

-- Spc. Jeffrey Holguin -- double trap;

-- Spc. Walton Glenn Eller III - double trap; and

-- U.S. Military Academy Cadet Stephen Scherer -- air rifle.

The Army's World Class Athlete Program is composed of Soldier-athletes in a variety of sports who demonstrate the potential to qualify for the U.S. Olympic Team. Soldier-athletes who apply to the program must have recently attained a high national ranking or placed high at a major national or international event. Soldiers in the WCAP have earned 131 Olympic medals since 1948.

The Army Marksmanship Unit, which is sending six shooters to Beijing, has gained worldwide respect by winning hundreds of individual and team national shooting titles, more than 40 world championships and 21 Olympic medals. Since the AMU was established in 1956, its shooters have won more than half of all medals earned by U.S. shooters.



Jennifer Chupko

CASUALTY MOVEMENT -- British soldiers with the 4th Parachute Brigade, the Parachute Regiment, move a simulated casualty towards a helicopter during a casualty evacuation exercise, adjacent to Range 59, as part of Operation Black Warrior July 25. These missions involve picking up recently wounded casualties to transport to a hospital. The British soldiers needed to be quick on their feet to get to the waiting helicopter, as well as carefully balancing the stretcher.

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Town Hall Meeting August 8 at Timmermann

The next Fort Dix Town Hall Meeting will be Aug. 8 at 3 p.m. in Timmermann Center. Topics to date include a Joint Base Update and the presentation of a various awards.

The Town Hall Meeting is the place of duty for all employees within mission requirements.

Anyone with suggested topics or questions should e-mail them to Andre Mixon at andre.mixon@us.army.mil.

AAFES holds young writer's contest

School may be out for the summer, but the Army & Air Force Exchange Service (AAFES) has one more assignment for military dependents. The "Back-To-School Essay Contest" will give students in grades one through 12 the opportunity to submit an essay of 200 words or less on "What AAFES means to me and my family."

The essay contest, which runs from June 27 to August 31, will consist of four categories, with three winners from each category. First place winners in each category will receive a computer, second place winners will be awarded \$500 savings bonds and \$200 savings bonds will be issued to third place winners.

Complete rules, including release forms and specific instructions on submitting essays, are available at www.aafes.com under the Patriot Family Connection link.

Drivers sought for MEPS transport

A Fort Dix contractor is looking for a part-time van driver to transport Military Applicants from the Military Entrance Processing Station at Fort Dix. Driver must be able to pass pre-employment drug screen and DOT physical. Call between 9 and 10:15 a.m. Monday Aug. 4, at 1-800-769-3686.

Babysitter's Training Course offered

For youth aged 12-18 years who are interested in babysitting, Child and Youth Services (CYS) is offering the 4-H babysitter's training course.

To learn more on leadership, basic child care, safety and play tips, and first aid for children, simply sign up at the Central Enrollment Registry (CER) Office at 5203 Maryland Ave. Youth, 13 and over, who successfully complete the course will be eligible to sign up on the CYS resource and referral teen babysitter list available through the CER to eligible families in the community who need a babysitter.

For more information call 562-4702 or 562-5231.

Voter Registration Help

HR-M located in Building 5418 on Delaware Avenue will be offering voting registration assistance to Soldiers. Absentee Ballot request forms, absentee ballots, and voter registration guides are available for all states as well as U.S. territories.

Guides and absentee ballot request forms can be picked up Monday - Friday 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. at Building 5418 central wing first floor in the MPD/Customer Service office.

Your installation voting assistance officers are Maj. Marisol V. Lanza 609-562-2598 and Master Sgt. Barbara Bookard 609-562-2746.

Medication disposal poses environmental threat

Proper disposal of unused or expired medicine is an emerging environmental issue. As with any household waste, the disposal method chosen can have a direct effect on safety and the health of the environment.

Disposal via the toilet or the sink takes your drugs into the sewage system. Modern water treatment plants are not fully designed to deal with medication disposal. The full extent of environmental damage and the long-term health risks of even a small amount of medications in our drinking water remain unknown.

Any unused or expired medications can be brought back to your pharmacy for a safer, environmentally friendly disposal.

Gerry Zanzalari
Public Affairs Staff

Lifeguard shortage closes pool



Ryan Morton

SPLISH SPLASH -- Fun and games at the Fort Dix pool is in limited supply, as a shortage of lifeguards has caused pool closures several times this summer.

It was hot last weekend. Many people were looking forward to a cool dip in one of the Fort Dix pools. To the disappointment of many, the outdoor pool was closed due to a shortage of lifeguards.

Lifeguards at the pool are at a premium. There are far fewer lifeguards than needed to keep the pool open as much as Robin Seabridge, Fort Dix aquatics director, would like.

Most everyone employed as a lifeguard here on the post is a student of some kind, be it college or high school. The minimum age for lifeguards is 16, but many are older and college-bound once the summer ends.

That in itself is one of the problems. College students who may work as a lifeguard during the summer usually end up leaving the position sometime during the peak season for other vacations and to prepare to return to college life. Advertisements have been placed in the Post, in other area newspapers and in the surrounding communities with minimal response.

A full complement of pool employees would total 24. Currently, the staff level is at 13 - down approximately 50 percent from previous years. A starting lifeguard with no experience is paid \$8 per hour and typically works a seven and a half hour shift.

Certification is a must. All lifeguards are subject to a flexible hour schedule, meaning they can be assigned to work anywhere from zero

to 40 hours per week. One of the sticking points in hiring people is that they may be able to earn a better wage elsewhere - the Jersey shore, Burlington County College, Pemberton and Presidential Lakes, for example, and possibly secure a position that may even offer some benefits. Yet, on the spot bonuses, awards, certification fee waivers and extra training and activities for lifeguard staff are not sufficient to lure enough people to fully staff the pools.

The application process is conducted through Civilian Personnel Advisory Center (CPAC) and takes the better part of three weeks to complete.

To high school and college students who are already certified as lifeguards and can get jobs that start almost immediately in other locations, that three week wait is unacceptable. And despite the fact that many applicants have current physical examinations performed by their own private physicians, CPAC regulations mandate another physical exam be conducted by the 305 Medical Group prior to hiring. Scheduling that physical exam can create an additional delay for those who might like to work as a lifeguard on the post.

Seabridge said, "We do a year-round search for qualified personnel and this is the first time in the nine years I have been the aquatic director that I have seen such a dearth of applicants."

Overtime pay is authorized for lifeguards, however, many are not willing to take advantage of the opportunity and others may have parents who object to their children working too many hours.

Fortunately, the Fort Dix pools have not experienced a serious water related incident to date.

The shortage of lifeguards seems to be not only at Fort Dix. The wages and liability issues have deterred people from pursuing these jobs," Seabridge said.

For the residents of Fort Dix, this lifeguard shortage results in closing the outdoor pool on weekends during the peak summer season.

Stress reduced at Timmermann Center

Veverly Wakefield
Public Affairs Staff

Mindfulness was the topic July 30 at Timmermann Conference Center at a stress management seminar. The program was hosted by Denise Horton, Fort Dix Army Substance Abuse Program (ADCO/EAP), and James Porter, graduate of Wesleyan University, in Middletown Connecticut, who has been lecturing on stress management for over 20 years, offering attendees ways to alleviate stress in daily life at work and home.

Not a new concept, mindfulness is a more discussed concept in stress management. Based loosely on Buddhism, a religion practice that has been around 2500 years, mindfulness is like a branch of psychology. Porter defines mindfulness as "awareness of the present moment with acceptance."

The military has welcomed the mindfulness approach because of the increased workload to service members, civilian employees, and contract employees due to the war.

Exercise, yoga, and meditation are all great ways to relieve stress but while you are in the moment of stress, it's difficult to take a break to go to a yoga class. Mindfulness concentrates on the here and now, and dealing with the stress at the exact moment you are experiencing it. If you have negative thoughts, you will have negative emotions. By channeling the thought to another place and time at that particular moment, to a more positive thought, the results will be a more positive outlook at the situation.

There are several mindfulness practices and exercises to use that will help deal with stress. During the

seminar, Porter instructed everyone to find something in the classroom to focus on, and concentrate on that one particular item for three minutes.

Attendees were asked to describe the thoughts going through one's mind at that time.

Bonnie Reed Mobilization and Readiness program manager for Army Community Services (ACS) stated, "It felt great not to really have to think or do anything for three minutes."

Another attendee noted he was starting to fall asleep because of the quiet, and another said he was thinking of what task he needed to complete today.

Porter explained these are true emotions and thoughts because of the busy daily lives we lead, and the lack of proper rest we receive at night. And that was achieved in only three minutes!

Some other mindfulness practices for everyday are:

- Be present in conversation, even small ones.
- Notice sense perceptions more, such as your clothes, a comfortable chair, a pleasant smell.
- Be mindful of nature, a breeze, a sunset.
- Be mindful while eating, savor every bite.
- Listen to the silence.

There are therapeutic benefits from mindfulness practices. Studies have shown a significant improvement in pain, medical symptoms, immune system functions, generic anxiety and a 66 percent decrease in panic disorders, depression, and binge eating recurrences.

For more information on the Mindfulness concept and other stress management information, call Denise Horton at (609) 562-4011.



Lisa Evans

STRESS RELIEF -- James Porter, president of Stress Stop, presents a course about mindfulness July 30 at the Timmermann Center.

Chaplains' Corner

Second Lt. Andrew Williams
Chaplain Candidate

The married mother of two, sits on the faded love seat that she purchased while pregnant with her first child and enjoys the cool breeze flowing from the air conditioning on a hot July day.

The children are quietly napping and the only noise is the sound of the dishwasher in the background. Memories begin to overwhelm her. She misses her husband. He is in Iraq and he has been deployed for four months.

She closes her eyes and begins to pray, searching desperately for an answer during this tumultuous time. As she opens her eyes, her thoughts are solely on her husband and his return, the pain is still there. Then, the doorbell rings. Like with the woman portrayed in the story above, grief, anguish, heartache, and pain are a reality.

We must realize, however, that our own shortcomings or wrongdoings are not always the cause of our pain. Jesus Christ, for example, before he died on the cross stated, "My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death" (Mark 14:34). If Christ himself, who led a sinless and perfect life, felt sorrow, we too will experience suffering in this lifetime.

Jesus' grief was the result of the sinful world around him. In the same way, some of the pain we face results from the world we live in.

Terrorists killing innocent young children, diseases (such as cancer and AIDS), and the horrors of war are all consequences of this fallen world. Nonetheless, as we face various trials we can have joy and refuse to allow the trials to overcome us.

We can have joy in times of grief because we have a God who is able to empathize with us.

The author of Hebrews, referring to Jesus, states "For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in

every way, just as we are--yet was without sin. Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need" (Hebrews 4:15-16). Therefore, when we pray, we are not praying to a distant God who refuses to hear our prayers. We are instead praying to a God who listens and personally empathizes with us in our situation. In our times of grief, then, let us humble ourselves before God, and seek His comfort.

Another reason that we are able to have joy in suffering is because it refines our character. James states, "Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds" (James 1:2). An individual who graduates from basic training serves as an illustration of this refining. Entering as a civilian, the nine-week training period of challenge and discipline results in a transformation to a Soldier. In the same way, when we face life's storms, we are being refined in our character, mental toughness, and the ability to withstand challenges.

Lastly, we should have joy in our suffering because we look forward to a time that pain will no longer exist. John writes, "God will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away" (Revelation 21:4). The agony we experience is only temporary. For that reason, when we grieve, let us look forward to the day that sickness, confusion, hurt, pain, and tears from our eyes will cease.

Life can be difficult and seem almost impossible to get through. Especially, in a time of war, death and grief are a reality. We may have loved ones who die before we believe it is their time. Or, we may have to watch our loved ones relive the horrors of war in their minds.

It is in these difficult times, as impossible as it may seem, that through Jesus Christ we can find joy in the storm.

Share-A-Ride

Interested in CAR POOLING to Fort Dix and/or McGuire?
Need a partner to help with the high cost of fuel?
Email the Public Affairs Office with your requests
Your ad will run in the Post and on WDX.
Interested parties Share-A-Ride and save.
Email: carolee.nisbet@us.army.mil

Dix medical simulator nears completion

Ryan Morton
Public Affairs Staff

Before long, Fort Dix will be able to take medical training to a new level with the imminent opening of the Medical Simulation Training Center (MSTC).

This more than \$1 million facility, slated for completion in late August, will have the equipment necessary to train military personnel in a wide array of medical tasks such as combat life-saver training, emergency medical technician (EMT) training, cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), and other forms of combat casualty care training.

Construction started in late February and classes are expected to begin in mid-September.

The Army currently has 18 MTSCs and expects to bring that number to 32 at various installations throughout the world.

"These facilities are so important because it shows military personnel what it takes to treat casualties and save lives downrange," said site manager Jamell Hassell.

Outside the building there will be a litter obstacle course where students will care for and move casualties in simulated hostile fire conditions.

Primary training skill-sets will include Tactical Combat Casualty Care, or TC3, that includes a three-stage training progression.

Stage one involves care under fire, which deals with providing medical care to a casualty under simulated hostile fire conditions. This training

is performed on the litter obstacle course.

Tactical field care is the second phase. Students will be allocated additional time to care for and treat a casualty. Life-like mannequins, called Environmental Control Simulators, or ECSs, will be used to diagnose and treat injuries. The ECSs are worth \$45,000 each and breathe, talk, and move in very human and lifelike ways.

Stage three is Combat Casualty Evacuation Care, which entails evacuating a casualty after treatment, usually on a stretcher. In this case the students will use \$1,600 dummies called Rescue Randys.

According to Hassell, military personnel appreciate the realism this training conveys.

"I've had so many Soldiers and other military members come back and tell me that this

is by far the best and most beneficial training they've ever received," he said.

Officials at Fort Dix can't welcome this facility soon enough because medical training has been dispersed to different areas of the post and the completion of the MTSC will centralize these training efforts.

"This MSTC will finally give us an actual platform where we can conduct the same training on a regular continual basis, rather than having to move back and forth and work in different venues around Dix," said MSTC Non-Commissioned Officer-in-Charge Master Sgt. Douglas Levy.

Currently, the electrical and computer wiring is being installed and a ribbon-cutting will follow.



Ryan Morton

ELECTRIFYING — Eric Smylie, JIS Electric out of Wrightstown, installs electrical wiring at the Medical Simulation Training Center, July 24. The MSTC is set for completion in late August and is expected to host classes in early September.

Variable annuity offers multitude of benefits

Capt. Nick Mitchell
Judge Advocate

A variable annuity is a contract between you and an insurance company, where the insurer agrees to make periodic payments to you, beginning either immediately or at some future date. You purchase a variable annuity contract by making either a single pur-

chase or a series of purchase payments.

A variable annuity offers a range of investment options. The value of your investment will vary depending on the performance of the investment options you choose. The investment options for a variable annuity are usually mutual funds that invest in bonds, stocks, money market instruments, or some combination of

the three.

Although variable annuities are typically invested in mutual funds, variable annuities differ from mutual funds in several ways. First, variable annuities let you receive periodic payments for the rest of your life (or the life of your spouse or any other person you designate). This feature offers protection against the possibility that, after you retire, you will

outlive your assets.

Second, variable annuities have a death benefit. If you die, before the insurer has started making payments to you, your beneficiary is guaranteed to receive a specified amount — usually at least the amount of your purchase payments. Your beneficiary will get a benefit from this feature if, at the time of your death, your account value is less than the guaranteed amount.

Third, variable annuities are tax-deferred. This means you pay no taxes on the income and investment gains from your annuity until you withdraw your money. You may also transfer your money from one investment option to another, within a variable annuity, without paying tax at the time of the transfer.

When you take your money out of a variable annuity, you will be taxed on the earnings at ordinary income tax rates rather than lower capital gains rates. In general, the benefits of tax deferral will outweigh the costs of a variable annuity only if you hold it as a long-term investment to meet retirement and other long-range goals.

Remember, variable annuities are not suitable for meeting short-term goals because substantial taxes and insurance company charges may apply if you withdraw your money early. Variable annuities also involve investment risks, just as mutual funds do. Other investments, such as IRAs and employer-sponsored 401(k) plans, may provide tax advantages.

For most investors, it will be advantageous to make the maximum allowable contributions to IRAs and 401(k) plans before investing in a variable annuity.

If you are investing in a variable annuity through a tax-advantaged plan (401(k) or IRA), you will receive no additional tax advantage from the variable annuity.

Under these circumstances, consider buying a variable annuity only if it makes sense because of the annuity's other features, such as lifetime income payments and death benefit protection.

The tax rules that apply to variable annuities can be complicated. Before investing, you may want to consult a tax adviser about the tax consequences of a variable annuity.

Solution provided for HAZMATs on post

Ryan Morton
Public Affairs Staff

If you just changed your oil or antifreeze and need a place to properly dispose of the waste, you need look no further than the Fort Dix Hazardous Waste Storage Facility. Located in building 8131 on Range Road.

The facility is the only place for Fort Dix and McGuire Air Force Base residents and workers to dispose of hazardous materials such as oil, antifreeze, batteries, fluorescent lights and paint.

"If you have any doubt about what to do with any potentially hazardous waste material, give us a call and we can take care of it or point you in the right direction on where to go and what to do with it," said Kent Brown, hazardous waste technician.

Facility hours are Mondays from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesday by appointment only. Wednes-

days from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., and Thursday by appointment only. The facility is closed Friday through Sunday.

If you have any questions or would like to set up a drop-off time, please call 609-562-2747 or 609-562-2199.



Ryan Morton

HAZMAT — Paul Capetillo, ITT Systems drops off some barrels of hazardous waste at the Fort Dix Hazardous Waste Storage Facility, July 28.

Saxton honored by Army Reserve for long-term support

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because the Army Reserve's historic and evolving contributions to national defense will remain critical to our nation for a long time.

"Gen. Roosevelt is the embodiment of the heart and soul of the Reserves. This award is one of the greatest honors I have received in my career."

Congressman Saxton is widely recognized for successfully shielding the military installations in his District: Fort Dix and McGuire Air Force Base, through several rounds of Base Realignment and Closure Commissions. During BRAC 2005 negotia-

tions, Congressman Saxton encouraged the Pentagon to combine the two installations with neighboring Lakehurst Naval Air Engineering Station to create the first Army-Air Force-Navy installation in the Nation; Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst.

By 2011 more than 2,000 new jobs will be created at this multi-service installation, one of the first in the nation.

The Brig. Gen. Theodore Roosevelt, Jr. Distinguished Legislator Award was established on July 12, 1994, the 50th anniversary of the death of BG Theodore Roosevelt, Jr. Brig. Gen. Roosevelt, Jr. was an Army Reservist, public ser-

vant, explorer, philanthropist and combat hero of two world wars.

He was the eldest son of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, and had a long and varied career in military service and in local, state and national politics at several levels of service.

He was recognized with the Medal of Honor for his heroism in the battle on D-Day, where, recalled to Active Duty with the Army Reserve with the 4th Infantry Division, Gen. Theodore Roosevelt, Jr. demonstrated extraordinary leadership in the assault landing on Utah Beach. He was the only general officer to go

ashore with the first wave.

His legacy of service as an officer in the U.S. Army Reserve in peace and war exemplifies the noblest traditions of the American Warrior Citizen.

Job Announcement

The job announcement for Lead Plans Specialist, GS-0301-13 has been posted on the USA Jobs website and the CPOL employment website. Job Announcement Number: NEBD08909305

Opening Date:

Wednesday, 30 Jul 2008

Closing Date: Friday, 8 Aug 2008

Location: Plans, Analysis and Integration Office, Fort Dix, NJ

Type Position:

Permanent, Full Time

MILITARY MATTERS

Songwriting contest yields 18 winners



courtesy photo

Air Force Capt. Steven Wilson was among hundreds of servicemembers who submitted original songs for the Dallas Songwriters Association's "Songs From the Soul of Service" amateur songwriting contest. Wilson submitted three songs, and one, "Ask Me To," was a first-place entry in the pop/rock category and went on to take the contest's grand prize.

Sharon Foster
American Forces Press
Service

WASHINGTON, July 29, 2008 — A Marine in Fallujah pens a song about standing watch. A sailor stationed in Hawaii scribbles a lullaby for his son while in the Iraqi desert. A soldier raps into a tape recorder to entertain his unit. Songwriters like these servicemembers were among the many who submitted their original songs to this year's "Songs From the Soul of Service" songwriting contest.

Now in its third year, the amateur songwriting contest is a collaborative effort between the Dallas Songwriter Association and the Defense Department's America Supports You program, which highlights corporate and grassroots support for U.S. servicemembers and their families.

Judges select winners and runners-up in each of 18 categories, which include Afghanistan and Iraq, country, hip-hop, inspirational, instrumental and pop/rock. They then select three of the category winners for grand prizes. The top three songs for

2008 are:

— First Place: "Ask Me To" by Air Force Capt. Steven Wilson, which took top pop/rock honors;

— Second Place: "If Tomorrow Were a Dream" by Army National Guard Spc. Greg Pritchard, which was the contest's top country song; and

"Every military conflict from the American Revolution to the Civil War to the first Gulf War has spawned music that reflected the moods, emotions and sentiments of the nation's fighting men and women."

—William Brown

— Third Place: "I Can't Wait to Love You" by Jill Charles, wife of Army Staff Sgt. Robert Charles, the top song in the inspirational category.

"Every military conflict from the American Revolution to the Civil War to the first Gulf War has spawned music that reflected the moods, emotions and sentiments of the nation's fighting men and women," said William Brown, Dallas Songwriter Association board member and committee chairman for Songs From the Soul of Service.

"Songs From the Soul of Service serves to capture some of this history," he continued, "while providing recognition to talented songwriters and diversion and entertainment to participants and nonparticipants alike."

Wilson, who earned the top grand prize, said his own life

currently serving in the U.S. military and those currently inactive due to injury or disability suffered after the start of the war in Afghanistan. Eligible participants may submit songs on behalf of an immediate family member, a fallen comrade or a fallen comrade's immediate family member.

Brown said he thinks the contest is an excellent outlet for servicemembers.

"These songs provided respite, unit bonding and an expressive outlet during trying times," he explained. "In some cases, these songs will transcend their times and become permanent fixtures in the nation's patriotic songbook."

Wilson, along with the other winners of each category, will be included on a compilation CD provided to radio and music industry professionals, as well as to the contest participants.

The first-place grand prize includes a weekend stay at the Gaylord Texan Hotel.

Public events to showcase the winning songs and songwriters are in the planning stages. The events will culminate with a concert at the end of the year, headlined by well-known recording artists.

Vehicles fitted with arm for IED clearance

Erica Fineman-Bertoli
Army News Service

FORT MONMOUTH, N.J. (July 28, 2008) — A new tool may soon help route-clearance teams detect and neutralize potentially deadly improvised explosive devices in Iraq.

An IED Interrogation Arm for the RG-31 and Husky vehicles has been developed by the Night Vision and Electronic Sensors Directorate, part of the Army Research, Development and Engineering Command.

NV&ESD Team Leader Larry Jackson said there are several vehicles currently used for route clearance missions, including the Buffalo Mine Protected Vehicle. But, he said, demand for the Buffalo is very high.



courtesy photo

EXTRA REACH — The IED Interrogation Arm is lightweight and able to be attached to existing vehicles in theater.

"The word we got back from theater is that Soldiers often don't have the Buffalos when they need them," he said. "The vehicle is in high demand, and there just aren't enough of them." In collaboration with the team at NV&ESD, discussions began for a new technology that could help teams interrogate IEDs and be quickly developed and fielded.

"We said we would like to provide a similar arm capability to vehicles such as the Husky and the RG-31 which were being used in security missions but had no arm attachment that would allow for IED interrogation," Jackson said.

The new arm, which was initially fielded in Iraq in May 2007 and Afghanistan in July 2007, is designed as an independent component, and is able to be attached to vehicles in theater.

Additionally, the arm is lightweight, easily mounted and repaired, easy to use and significantly less expensive than the Buffalo, Jackson said.

Stephen H. Bennett, a mechanical engineer with NV&ESD, was present in Iraq last spring to support deployment of the new arm. He reports a positive reaction to the technology.

"The feedback has been positive, and the troops like it," he said.

As the Interrogation Arm continues to be refined, there is constant communication with the Soldiers on the ground, providing engineers with first-hand guidance on functional

improvements, Jackson said.

It was as a result of this ongoing collaboration with the Soldiers who use the arm that functional advancements were made, including the ability to examine hard-to-reach areas behind guard rails.

"We got this information back from the theater and realized we needed to put a pivot point in the middle of the arm so that if there is a guard rail, you can reach out and dip down behind to do the interrogation," Jackson said.

After initial fielding in both Iraq and Afghanistan, additional Interrogation Arm units have been ordered for use in theater, and NV&ESD has been working with Program Manager Countermine to feed the continually growing demand.

"We have been asked to adapt it to different vehicles and we are getting more applications in the field," said Jackson.

After 28 years as a civilian engineer for the U.S. Army, Jackson continues to take satisfaction in knowing his work helps to protect our troops.

"The satisfaction of getting this piece of equipment into theater where it is helping to save Soldiers' lives is very rewarding," he said. "For me, this has been the most satisfying project I have worked on in my career."

"There is a satisfying feeling you get when you design something that makes a significant difference," Bennett said.

Army uses Batman technology

Andricka Thomas
RDECOM

ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND, Md. — "The Dark Knight" has emerged once again in theatres with his futuristic technologies to help capture the infamous Joker. Batman's needs for increased capabilities are parallel with that of today's Soldiers and it appears so are some of his gadgets.

The U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command labors to answer the needs of the nation's Warfighters. Among those needs are increasing maneuverability, decreasing weight carried during a mission, and enhancing technological capabilities and communication advantages

when engaging enemy forces.

One answer to those needs is the Flexible Display Screen.

The U.S. Army Research Laboratory has partnered with academia to develop a screen that will replace glass based display screens in the Soldier Flex Personal Digital Assistant. The screen could be one-day be used in wearable computer applications as part of a larger computer system.

"Just changing the screen can significantly reduce the weight of a piece of equipment," said Dr. David Morton, ARL cooperative agreement manager for the Flexible Display Center at Arizona State University. "By replacing that glass screen with a plastic, rugged, flexible display, the weight of the display may be reduced to only five pounds

with two pounds of mounting hardware." Technologies like the Flexible Display Screen are to increase Soldier efficiency and decrease the amount of weight the Warfighter carries, which increases mobility of the Soldier.

The ARL is looking at reflective and emissions technology for the screens to be integrated in human portable applications. This would allow the Soldier to see the screen without the use of backlighting, as to not give away a location of a Soldier while on a mission. By replacing the current liquid crystal glass-based display, the amount of battery power used drops by at least half, and the display is less likely to break while on a mission. This screen will allow the Soldier to download the information, disconnect and take on a mission for activities such as mission rehearsal and planning and land navigation.

Just like Batman found it necessary to expand his technological capability when he designed a 3-D Sonar tracking device to search for the Joker, RDECOM looks for ways to amplify the technological advantages of Soldiers.

The U.S. Army Natick Soldier Research, Development and Engineering Center has a contract with RallyPoint, Inc., to further develop and test the Hardware Computer Input Device, or HCID. The device is a rugged, sensor-embedded glove designed to be a conven-

ient interface to a Soldier's electronic devices, like a computer or 2-way radio. Ideally, while on a mission, a Soldier could keep his weapon engaged, while signaling hand gestures that translate into computer commands. Gestures are recognized through a suite of sensors that send hand posture and orientation. These voiceless commands will enable Soldiers to communicate with each other without compromising their position when engaging the enemy. The glove could one-day feed information to a wearable computer application, giving Soldiers an informational and technological edge.

While saving hostages in a building, Batman demonstrated the capability to look through floors of a building, enabling him to locate the enemy and engage. The U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Research, Development and Engineering Center is developing a similar product called Sense through the Wall Technology.

"Our skilled engineers with CERDEC's Intelligence and Information Warfare Directorate are working with industry partners to assess, develop, and transition technology that will allow Soldiers to detect and locate hidden combatants," said Wilber Chin, team lead, MASINT Branch, Information Network Operations Division, Intelligence and Information Warfare Directorate.

Announcements

Cinema Schedule

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McGuire Air Force Base

Friday, August 1 @ 7:30 p.m.

The Love Guru - Mike Myers, Jessica Alba, Justin Timberlake, Romany Malco, Verne Troyer, Ben Kingsley - Born in America and raised in an Indian ashram, Pitka (Mike Myers) returns to his native land to seek his fortune as a spiritualist and self-help expert. His skills are put to the test when he must get a brokenhearted hockey player's marriage back on track in time for the man to help his team win the Stanley Cup.

MPAA Rating: PG-13 - crude and sexual content throughout, language, some comic violence and drug references

Run time: 88 minutes

Saturday, August 2 @ 7:30 p.m.

The Incredible Hulk - Edward Norton, Liv Tyler, Tim Roth, William Hurt, Tim Blake Nelson - Scientist Bruce Banner desperately hunts for a cure to the gamma radiation that poisoned his cells and unleashes the unbridled force of rage within him: The Hulk. Living in the shadows—cut off from a life he knew and the woman he loves, Betty Ross—Banner struggles to avoid the obsessive pursuit of his nemesis, General Thunderbolt Ross, and the military machinery that seeks to capture him and brutally exploit his power.

MPAA Rating: PG-13 - sequences of intense action violence, some frightening sci-fi images, and brief suggestive content

Runtime: 114 minutes

Future Features...

Wanted

Friday, August 8 @ 7:30 p.m.
R, 110 minutes

Kung Fu Panda

Saturday Matinee, August 9 @ 3 p.m.
PG, 92 minutes

Kit Kittredge: An American Girl

Saturday, August 9 @ 7:30 p.m.
G, 101 minutes

Chapel Services

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Sunday Services

Protestant.....9 to 10 a.m.
Catholic Mass.....10:15 to 11:15 a.m.
Gospel.....11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Sunday School.....10 to 11:15 a.m.
CCD.....9:15 to 10 a.m.

Chapel 5 - Bldg. 5950, Church Street
General Protestant Service.....6:30 p.m.

NCO Academy Protestant Field Service -
Bldg. 5417, Texas Avenue

8:30 a.m.

August 10, 17/September 7, 14

Camp Victory - Chaplain's tent

Hour of Power
Protestant.....8 to 9 a.m.
Catholic.....8 to 9 a.m.
Mormon.....8 to 9 a.m.
Jewish.....8 to 9 a.m.

Religious Services

Islamic Prayer room

Open 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday - Room 24

Christian Women of the Chapel -
Bible Study - On Summer Break. Will resume in September.

Christian Men of the Chapel -
Prayer Breakfast - Fourth Saturday of each month, 9 to 11 a.m.

Jewish services available by request

For additional services or Religious Support please call 562-2020

Religious materials are available at the JRC, the Main Chapel, and Camp Victory

The Main Chapel staff is in need of piano and organ players during the Protestant and/or Catholic services on Sundays to fill in as needed. For information please call the chapel at 562-2020.

MWR presents

CLUB DIX - 723-3272

Club Dix Hours of Operation

Java Café - Monday-Friday 7 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Comp. Lab - Monday & Tuesday 7 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Wednesday - Friday 7 a.m. - 10 p.m.
Saturday noon - 10 p.m.
Sunday 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Lunch Served Tuesday-Friday 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Saturday - Monday Closed
Bar Hours Wednesday 5 - 10 p.m.
Thursday - Saturday 6 - 10 p.m.
Sunday - Tuesday Closed

*Still not sure what to do with the children this summer? Fort Dix Child & Youth Services has Summer Fun Camp for children grades 1-8. Camp includes breakfast, lunch, weekly field trips and MUCH MORE! Call 562-4702 to register your child today.

***Ballroom Dancing** is coming to Griffith Field House. Every Thursday starting **September 4** learn basic routines for the waltz, swing/jitterbug, foxtrot, and an introduction to Latin Dance. Partners not required. Call 562-4888 for details.

***Wine and Jazz Festival - Thursday, August 21** - Featuring renowned saxophonist Gerald Albright. Taste wines from local wineries and cheeses from around the world. \$15 admission includes a commemorative wine glass. Seating is limited. Tickets available at Club Dix and FMWR Headquarters, Bldg. 6043, Doughboy Loop.

***Operation Rising Star - September 12** - The Army version of American Idol. Win the ultimate recording music experience. Watch for details.

ARTS & CRAFTS

Bldg. 6039

562-5691

***Ice Cream Sundae Bouquet - August 9** - Delicious summer craft for the whole family. Join us for this cool class to create an ice cream sundae made of colorful carnations and foam in an old fashioned ice cream dish. When you are finished, create your own ice cream sundae and enjoy a tasty treat. \$10 pre-registration fee includes materials.

***Quilts for Kids - August 9** - Join us from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. every second Saturday of the month as we stitch for children in long term healthcare facilities, safe houses, wounded warriors and families. Share this awesome experience of giving. Learn new techniques or improve old ones. Just bring your desire to help others while you learn to machine quilt. All experience levels welcome. Yes, men and teens are welcome too.

***Summer Art Camp** - Kids will be able to do a variety of crafts using clay, paper, paint, and more! Sessions are held **Tuesday through Friday, 12:30 to 2 p.m.** for ages 6 to 12. Pre-registration required. \$50 registration fee (per session) includes all materials. Sign up for one session or all of them since projects will be unique to each session. Family and multiple session discounts available!

- Session III: August 19 to 22

***Krafty Birthdays** - Arts and Crafts offers Krafty Birthday Parties. Parties include up to two hours of party room use, one craft project with instruction and all materials, with many exciting projects to choose from. When making party reservations, please make sure to stop by in order to select the craft and make payment.

***Contemporary Ceramics & Mosaic Studio** - the Contemporary Ceramics Studio offers a large selection of Bisque pieces to choose from to decorate and paint. All finished pieces are food, microwave, oven, freezer and dishwasher safe. We have lots of idea books, traceable designs, tools, and an experienced staff to help you create a finished piece you will love. Mosaics are a great way to express yourself with colorful glass. From mirrors to wall plaques, we have many items to make as gifts or add pizzazz to your home decor. Just come in, pick out your piece, and we will help you with the rest. There is no time limit on completing your project, so you can relax and enjoy our friendly, creative atmosphere for as long as you like.

***Sony Picture Station** - Do it yourself instant, high quality prints are easy to create and affordable too. Sizes are available from wallets to 8" x 10". Personalize your prints with wording, borders, picture collages, scrapbook pages, cards, calendars, and more. Just slip in the card from your digital camera, or a photo CD, and you're ready to print. Scan some old photos and burn them onto a CD, or just copy onto a CD from your memory card. This machine does it all.

***Create-a-Critter** - Adorable Critters to stuff yourself. It's easy and fun. Choose from an assortment of Critters: Bears, puppies, unicorns, frogs, tigers and a whole lot more. You can even add an outfit. Create your own designs for t-shirts and canvas backpacks. Stop in today and have tons of fun stuffing your very own plush animal or you can take one home to stuff or give as a gift. Critter Birthday Parties are also available. Call Arts and Crafts Center for details.

AQUATIC CENTER

Indoor Pool

562-2808

Hydro Aerobics Mondays 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.,
Wednesdays 9 to 10 a.m. & Sat. 10:30-11:30 a.m.
in the indoor pool. The Outdoor Pool is open Sat.
Noon to 4 p.m. Closing Labor Day weekend.

Book a party any day at the Indoor Pool. Sign up for sign lessons, or maybe a safety class at the Indoor Pool. Both classes will fill fast so don't hesitate. Call 562-2808 for prices and availability.

RECREATION CENTER

Bldg. 5905 (Military Only)

Monday thru Friday.....4 to 10 p.m.
Saturday and Sunday.....12 to 10 p.m.

***Annual Family Funfest - Wednesday, August 20**
at 9 a.m. at the Fort Dix Youth Center.

BOWLING CENTER

Bldg. 6054

562-6895

***Monday Night Madness** lives on at the Bowling Center. 5 to 10 p.m. \$2 Bowling, \$1 Shoe Rental

OUTDOOR RECREATION

Bldg. 6045

562-2727/6667

John Mann Park Summer Hours begin Wednesday June 25

Wednesday thru Thursday 1 to 7 p.m.
Friday thru Sunday 1 to 8 p.m.
Mondays and Tuesdays Closed

For more information call 562-6667

GRIFFITH FIELD HOUSE

Bldg. 6053

562-4888

***Fort Dix Olympics - August 12** - Compete for medals in Track and Field, 3 on 3 Basketball, Kayaking, and other events. Visit us at www.dixmwr.com for a complete listing of events and dates.

***2008 American National Rugby League Championship Final - Saturday, August 23** - Prepare for a full day of matches featuring the AMNRL All-Star Squad versus the Auckland Metropolitan Police Team from New Zealand. The post match celebration includes a large party with live entertainment. For more information contact Bob Vogt at 562-6772.

FOUNTAIN GREEN GOLF COURSE

Bldg. 3152

562-5443

***Commander's cup Golf Tournament - August 13**

***2008 Military Long Drive Championship - August 16** - Win a \$300 Pro-shop gift certificate and a chance to compete in the Re/Maz World Long Drive Championship. Contact the Fountain Green Pro-shop at 562-5443 or visit www.armymwr.com for more information.

ROD & GUN CLUB at Range 14

Bldg. 9060, Range Road

562-4676

Hours of Operation:

Wednesday 1 to 8 p.m.
Friday 1 to 8 p.m.
Saturday/Sunday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

***Upcoming Rod and Gun Club Meetings - August 13 @ 7 p.m.**

***Upcoming Hunter Education Course Dates - Sunday, August 24**

ACS

562-2767

Bldg. 5201 Maryland Avenue

Friday, August 1

Transition Assistance Workshop

8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Timmermann, Room 104

Tuesday, August 5

Family Readiness Group/Rear

Detachment Commander Training

10 a.m.

JRC, Room 130

Youth Center

562-5061

Bldg. 1279 Locust Street

Hours of Operation:

Monday - Friday from 2 to 7 p.m.
Saturday from 1 to 7 p.m.
Sunday CLOSED

Administrative Hours:

Tuesday - Friday from noon-6 p.m.

Weekly Schedule

Friday, August 1

Open Rec.

Saturday, August 2

Open Rec.

3:30 to 7 p.m.

Midnight B-Ball

Teens Only

7 p.m. to 12 a.m.

Monday, August 4

MS Summer Camp

Tuesday, August 5

Open Rec.

Girls in Tech

2 to 4 p.m.

Manicure and Skin Care for Teens

3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, August 6

Open Rec.

Triple Play with Mr. Jacob

4:45 to 5:45 p.m.

Thursday, August 7

Open Rec.

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SPORTS

Army dominates rifle championships



courtesy photo

LINE OF FIRE -- The Service Rifle Team of the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit competes. The Soldiers dominated the 2008 Interservice Rifle Championships July 14 to 22.

Paula J. Randall
Army News Service

QUANTICO, Va. (July 28, 2008) -- The Service Rifle Team of the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit of Fort Benning, Ga., won every team match at the 2008 Interservice Rifle Championships July 14 to 22.

More than 125 shooters from the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Reserve and National Guard competed in the rifle championships at Quantico Marine Corps Base.

The Army Marksmanship Service Rifle Team won the prestigious Interservice Rifle 10-Man Team Match and brought home the trophy.

Team coaches were Sgt. 1st Class Emil Praslick III and Sgt. Walter E. Craig Jr. and team captains were Staff Sgt. William T. Pace and Staff Sgt. Daniel J. Peters. Shooters were Sgts. 1st Class Lance D. Dement, Grant L. Singley and

Kyle A. Ward, Staff Sgts. Joel S. Micholick and Tobie L. Tomlinson, Sgt. Brandon K. Green, Spec. Tyrel L. Cooper, Calvin G. Roberts, Matthew T. Sigrist and Nathan J. Verbickas. Ward shot highest score of 495 points out of a possible 500.

The USAMU Team, coached by Praslick with Peters as captain, beat 12 teams to win the Marine Corps Infantry Trophy Team Match. Soldiers on the team were Cooper, Dement, Green, Pace, Singley and Ward.

USAMU's team coached by Tomlinson, with Pfc. Augustus K. Dunfee as captain, took second place; shooters were Craig, Roberts, Sigrist, Verbickas, Pfc. Evan M.T. Hess and Pvt. 2 Kevin C. Trickett.

The winner of the Marine Corps Combat Development Command Commanding General Team Match was the USAMU Team coached by Pace. Shooting the match were

Cooper, Singley, Dement, Green, Roberts and Ward and Praslick was the captain.

In the 1,000-Yard Team Match, Praslick's team won in the "Any Rifle Any Sights" Division by 52 points. Peters was the captain of the team made up of Cooper, Green, Tomlinson, Dement, Roberts and Pfc. Sherri Jo Hurd. In the long-range matches, USAMU Soldiers shoot modified M-16A2 rifles and the 65 x 284 long range match rifles with scopes or iron sights to hit a 10-inch X-ring target from the prone position at 800, 900 and 1,000 yards.

The USAMU also took home some individual trophies as well. Green won the Interservice Long Range Championship in the Any Rifle Category and Sigrist took the Service Rifle Category. Green was the winner in the Interservice 1,000-Yard Match and Dement won the 600-Yard Match in the Any Sight Category; Craig

won the 600-Yard Match Service Rifle Category.

Cooper was victorious in the Interservice Army Match, a slow fire match shot at 600 yards.

Dunfee won the Interservice Navy Match, which is a slow fire match shot standing at 200 yards, and Peters took the Interservice Coast Guard Match, shot rapid fire at 200 yards while sitting.

When they're not competing, the Army Marksmanship Unit Service Rifle Team teaches the Army's Squad Designated Marksman Course at Fort Benning and conducts numerous basic rifle marksmanship train-the-trainers workshops across the country.

"The marksmanship training that we conduct reinforces for us the proper shooting techniques, which helps us at competitions," said Ward, the non-commissioned officer in charge of the Service Rifle Team.

Sports Shorts

Griffith Field House

Saturday & Sunday
9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Monday - Friday
6 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Military Long Drive Championship

The 2008 Military Long Drive Championship comes to Fort Dix's Fountain Green Golf Course Aug. 16. The 2008 events are open to all branches of Active Duty, Reserve, National Guard, retirees and military family members 18 and older.

Local winners will vie for three prizes:

1st Place: \$300 Pro Shop Certificate

2nd Place: \$150 Pro Shop Certificate

3rd Place: \$50 Pro Shop Certificate

The entry fee to join the Long Drive Championship is \$10.00 for six balls.

All military personnel within 90 miles of Fort Dix are eligible to enter the contest. Two winners from Fort Dix will compete at Fort Meade, Md., Sept. 26 for a chance to be a winner from the Eastern zone and advance to be one of six regional winners. The six regional winners will compete for the grand prize of \$10,000 at the military division of the RE/MAX

World Long Drive Championship scheduled Thursday, October 23 in Mesquite, Nv.

For more information call the Fountain Green Pro-shop at 562-5443 or visit www.armynwr.com

Bowling League

The Tuesday Nite Keglers (Mixed-HCP) league is forming for the 2008/2009 winter season. Sign up at the Fort Dix Bowling Center. Teams and individual bowlers are needed.

League will begin 6:30 p.m., September 9.

Call Willie Williams at (609) 893-8430 for more information.

Rugby team visits Dix

The Auckland Men's Police Rugby League team from New Zealand is soon to embark on a tour to the East Coast of the US bringing a 50-strong tour party of players and supporters.

Accompanying the Police team will be Rugby League legend (former Melbourne Storm, Castleford & Kiwi player) Tawera Nikau, as well as recently retired NZ Warrior Tony Tatupu (five seasons NRL/four matches Kiwis).

On August 11 they begin the first of their four-game tour in Jacksonville, FL, against the Jacksonville Axemen playing at UNF's - Hodges Stadium. Axemen coach Spinner Howland has promised them a tough time on the field as the Jacksonville team improves with each game it plays.

From Jacksonville, they head to the nation's capital where they will take on the Washington D.C. Slayers at Memorial Field on Saturday, August 16. In 2006, the Police side lost three players in what was described as a very physical encounter against the Slayers.

After leaving D.C., they travel to New Haven, CT, where they are awaiting confirmation of who they will be playing - depending on the outcome of the semifinal playoffs.

Finally, they head to New York and have been invited to play the curtain-raiser to the AMNRL Grand Final, being held this year at Fort Dix, NJ, on Saturday, August 23.

Auckland Police Rugby

League Chairman Tony Feasey would like to take this opportunity to thank each of the respective AMNRL clubs for their kind invitations and the president of the AMNRL David Niu for allowing the tour to go ahead.

"New Zealand Police Rugby League is the only rugby league playing nation / team to tour the USA twice within two years and believe that this can only be beneficial to the game of rugby league in the USA by giving the guys who are playing club football experience against a rugby league playing nation rather than just the elite who make the representative teams," said Feasey.

For more check out www.policerugbyleague.co.nz



photos by Lisa Evans

GENTLE TOUCH — Garrett Goodman, above, son of artist Steven Goodman, restores the Ultimate Weapon original statue on Sharp Field July 25. Goodman, right, carves the face of The Ultimate Weapon, immortalizing his friend Stuart Scherr's face. Scherr helped build the statue. Below, patches of bondo covering the wear weather and time caused. Artists Goodman and Stephen Whitmore, who witnessed the statue's creation, left below, pose while Goodman's son and helper Geronimo Pinol sand old paint from the statue. Below right, the artists, Steven Goodman and Stuart Scherr, in 1958 pose with the skeleton of the statue made of salvaged railroad ties and bits of aluminum and steel from a salvage yard.



Jennifer Chupko



Courtesy photo

Artist's son gives Ultimate Weapon head-to-toe makeover

Lisa Evans
Public Affairs Staff

A Fort Dix icon turns 50 this year. Commissioned in 1958, The Ultimate Weapon statue, a symbol of strength and trust of the fighting infantry is receiving a makeover after five decades of charging into battle through heat, rain and snow.

The original statue stands on Sharp Field. A bronze replica presides over Infantry Park and the many monuments that ring the field.

This isn't the first time the original statue made of railroad track, chicken wire, sculpt metal, imagination and skill has had to be patched and painted. Steve Goodman, creator, builder and caretaker of The Ultimate Weapon has ensured it stays Army strong. During this latest refurbishing, Goodman talked about the beginning.

"We were just dumb kids and we built a statue. It turned out to be such a big thing," Goodman said as his son, Garrett Goodman, and helpers worked to patch the statue for the second time. Watching from the ground while his son worked, Goodman told how the statue came to be.

"I was drafted into the Army and stationed at Fort Benning, Georgia. They told me I had to jump out of an airplane," Goodman said with a shake of his head. "I told them I was a Jewish kid and didn't jump from airplanes, so they said okay and sent me to Fort Dix to be the camp artist."

Drafted out of art school, Goodman was assigned to the lettering shop painting training materials and helmets.

Stuart Scherr, a friend from high school and fellow artist, was drafted shortly after Goodman reached Fort Dix. Learning about his friend's status, Goodman asked that Scherr be assigned to the art department as well. The two, one a specialist and one a private first class, painted pop-up canvases to train troops, drawing civilians, Soldiers, tanks and animals into the target scenery.

The statue was created, Scherr said, because Goodman was always fiddling with clay. He had a picture of a muscular Soldier they had used for their other work that Goodman was intrigued by, his artist's eye seeing so much more than the photo.

"There just weren't that many bodies like that back then," Scherr said. "And Steve was taken by the picture of this man. He just created a little statue that looked like him."

Scherr said he fiddled around as well, creating a little rifle that he added to the statue and then added a helmet.

Goodman and Scherr's small statue caught the eye of an officer coming in to pick up his finished real-life helmet. Very impressed with the piece of art, the officer asked the two privates for

permission and took it to Brig. Gen. John Heintges, the installation deputy commander.

Goodman and Scherr were startled to be summoned to Heintges' office, and shocked when he requested a life-size version of the small clay statue. Scherr said after they had agreed to build it, the two young privates panicked and rushed to the library to research how to build a statue with practically no money and a lot of imagination.

During the two years it took to create the statue, Scherr documented the whole event with photos and notes and has recently put together a book, appropriately named "The Ultimate Weapon," that will be available in the next few months.

After 30 years of standing in the elements, by 1988 the original statue was weathered and worn. Steve Whitmore, operations officer of the Department for Public Works (DPW), had watched the two privates create the statue using materials scrounged from junk yards or purchased with the few dollars allotted. Whitmore decided it was time to ensure the statue lasted forever and commissioned a bronze casting of The Ultimate Weapon. Goodman dismantled the original and oversaw the casting of the bronze statue that now stands permanently in Infantry Park. Then, with loving care, he restored the original statue.

With the new bronze statue standing proudly in Infantry Park, Whitmore used a helicopter to lift The Ultimate Weapon into the courtyard of Building 5656, then the Reception Center. When the Air Force took over the building in 2002, the statue had to find a new home.

After spending a few weeks stored in the nearby cemetery, Whitmore commissioned a base for it and again used a helicopter to lift the statue to its permanent home in Sharp Field. A few months later, the stands were built on Sharp Field where The Ultimate Weapon is visible during change of command ceremonies and from the base commander's office.

Since being placed on Sharp Field, the original Ultimate Weapon has developed leaks and cracks from his helmet to his boots.

Part of the rifle's strap had fallen away and one foot was full of water. Patches of paint and plaster had sloughed off leaving the Soldier looking battle worn. Goodman once again volunteered to refurbish it.

Watching the repairs to his work of art 50 years later, Goodman laughed. "I'm 73 years old now. Twenty-five years from now, if it starts to leak..."

"We won't be around!" Whitmore broke in and finished the sentence.

Once again, The Ultimate Weapon, a symbol of pride for the thousands of Soldiers passing through Fort Dix on their way to war, is ready, always leaping forward to battle.

